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CLERK: Mr. President, I do. (Read by title for the first time
LB 61-88. See pages 117-121 in the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, if I may while you're pausing. Members, can I have your attention a moment, please, and folks listening in your office. These are the types of questions we get in our office from you folks, so if you're hearing this, you may want to pay a little attention to it. We always get questions this time of year of what will transpire the first few days of the session. Obviously, we're not processing legislation because it's only now beginning to be introduced. But there are things we'll be doing these first few days, and you may want to take some notes on the following here. First of all, tomorrow and Monday, we'll probably be following, roughly, the same type of schedule we are today where we convene at 10:00 a.m., introduce legislation, and have those bills read into the record. That will be all we'll do, and I'd anticipate, barring any strange occurrences, that we will be ready to entertain motions to adjourn roughly around noon and not be meeting in the afternoons. Conversations I've had with Senator Will's office, by Tuesday, we should be ready to begin debating and discussing the permanent rules. I guess the one other item, Senator Crosby, as I understand, we will, probably tomorrow or Monday, be voting on the final report from the Committee on Committees. Is that correct? So, so that will be one item of business we'll have to transact. But the rules discussion and debate will probably begin next Tuesday. I would anticipate, then, Tuesday through Friday of next week...Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week, we will be following the procedure of convening at 9:00 a.m., recessing for lunch, coming back in the afternoon, at least as long as what it takes us to consider the adoption of the permanent rules. We will also, probably by that time, have some of the revisor statutes ready for consideration on the floor. Committee chairs can begin planning, anticipating, when we come back after the Martin Luther King, Monday, January 20, day off, we will be beginning hearings January 21, which will mean 9:00 coming into session, adjourning for the day at noon, and having hearings in the afternoon. Last day for bill introduction is January 22. A tentative date, at this point, but one to be kind of working toward, conversations we've had with the bill drafters office that, given their